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Norwegian Press Officer Arrested on Spy Charges

OSLO—The top Norwegian official responsible for news coverage of last week's visit by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz has been arrested as a suspected Soviet spy, United Press International reported yesterday.

Arne Treholt, 41, head of information at the Foreign Ministry, was arrested Friday, Norway's Prosecutor General Magnus Flornes said.

"He was arrested and charged with espionage at Fornebu airport as he was on the point of leaving the country for a meeting with representatives of the KGB," Flornes said in a statement. "He has admitted to having had several meetings with representatives of the KGB and to having handed over secret documents. When he was arrested he had secret documents on his person."

Treholt held one of the most trusted positions at the Norwegian Foreign Ministry and had access to a wide range of Norwegian and NATO classified documents, a high-ranking ministry official said.